



08-01-03

RCE/160  
#12  
#16  
#303

PTO/SB/30 (10/2001)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Address to:  
Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, DC 20231

Application Number	09/996,184
Filing Date	11/28/2001
First Named Inventor	Luis Z. Avila
Art Unit	1615
Examiner Name	L. Di Nola Baron
Priority Docket Number	5181

*See fee only*

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

07/20/2003 RBERHE 00000130 09996184

07/20/2003 750.00 DA  
07/20/2003 930.00 DA

**RECEIVED**

AUG 04 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

## 2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fee, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1074
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

07/20/2003 RBERHE 00000130 071074 09996184

07/20/2003 750.00 DA  
07/20/2003 930.00 DA

## **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print / Type)	Isabelle A. S. Blundell, Ph.D.	Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)	43,321
Signature	<i>Isabelle A. S. Blundell</i>	Date	July 31, 2003

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Name (Print / Type)	
Signature	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. The amount of time you are required to complete this form should be reported on the Information Sheet, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. Send fees and completed forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.